

REMARKS

Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for a courteous and useful informal interview wherein the structural recitations of the claims vis-à-vis the prior art of record were discussed. The structural distinctions between the present application and the Voegeli reference were discussed and various claim language expressing those distinctions were discussed.

Amendments

Pursuant to a general understanding of the extent of the prior art of record and the support in the current application as discussed, applicant believes that the current amendments put the claims in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. The outer extent of the presently claimed J-shaped channel is parallel to the entire first leg, i.e., its entire height as in Fig. 1 from its claimed top to its claimed bottom, whereas the Voegeli reference is not parallel to such an extent and is only parallel arguably between portion 18 and portion 22 of Fig. 2 of that reference, U.S. Pat. No. 3,107,454. Portion 22 does not extend for the entire height of the first leg.

The claimed height of the first leg must extend to or below the claimed bottom of the J shaped channel, as now claimed, and be parallel throughout that height. This clearly recites structure that is patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record, and cannot be interpreted to read on that art.

New independent claim 26 differs from claim 1 in its recitation of relative dimensions and extents of the recited structures. It is submitted in response to the

examiner's expressed concern over reciting the structure dimensions relative to its components. Claim 1 recites a top, a bottom and a height. Claim 26 recites an extent in a first direction, and component extents relative to that. As used, these devices and the prior art devices have tops and bottoms. But Claim 26 recites the patentable distinctions even if the device is not in use, but laid flat on the ground.

New claims 25, 27 and 28 recite that the first leg extends beyond, and not just as far as, the bottom of the J shaped channel.

Conclusion

The amended claims are in condition for allowance, and applicant requests that they be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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